

## Add your Story to our History

### Volunteers and Outdoor Education Leaders Needed

Become a robust steward and interpreter of the Cañon. Meet people from all around the world and become a member of the North Cheyenne Cañon community.

### Year Round Field Trip School Program

At Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center, professional park guides and volunteers host popular outdoor education programs for schools and groups. Space is limited. Reserve today!  
Programs: *Nature Detectives, Ute Heritage and Tipi Raising, Andy's Animal Senses, Golden Prospectors, and more!*

### Other Programing

Birthday Parties, Group Programs, and Public Programs offered upon request and availability!

### Donate

Donations directly support park programs, supplies, staffing, and future improvements!

### Learn More

Check out our website and social media for up to date announcements!

[www.coloradosprings.gov](http://www.coloradosprings.gov)

[www.facebook.com/NorthCheyenne.CañonPark](https://www.facebook.com/NorthCheyenne.CañonPark)



North Cheyenne Cañon Park

## Protect your Park

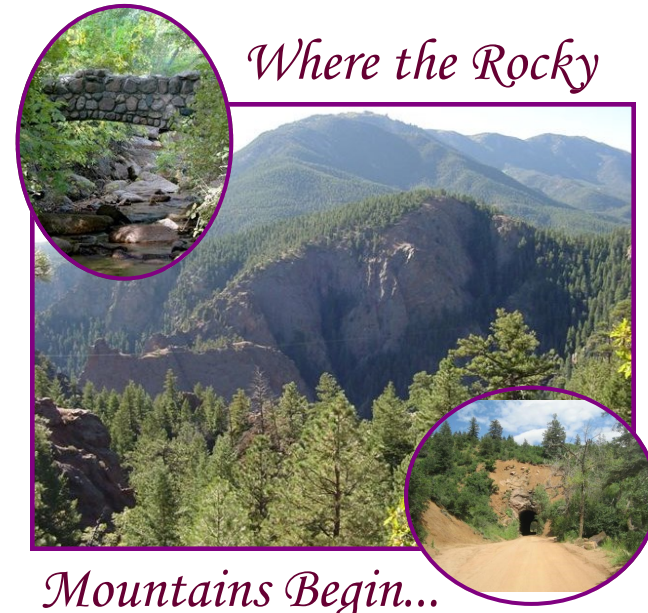
Follow the Leave No Trace Principles to protect North Cheyenne Cañon and for the future!

- **Plan Ahead and Prepare**  
North Cheyenne Cañon has always been a rugged mountain experience. Check out the two park Visitor Centers for up to date park information. Find maps online and be prepared for weather changes.
- **Travel on Durable Surfaces**  
Pikes Peak Granite may be the building blocks of the Cañon, but please stay on trails to minimize erosion.
- **Dispose of Waste Properly**  
Please pack out all trash items, including bagged dog waste, or place it into park trash cans.
- **Leave what you find**  
North Cheyenne Cañon is full of fascinating features and unique history. Take a picture of what you find and leave it for others to enjoy!
- **Be careful with fire**  
Don't get burned: fires, charcoal grilling, and smoking are prohibited in North Cheyenne Cañon.
- **Respect Wildlife**  
Many animals call our park home! Please observe all wildlife from safe distances and never feed them.
- **Be considerate of others**  
North Cheyenne Cañon is for everyone to enjoy! Please remember to be courteous to other visitors.



*In North Cheyenne Cañon Park, every footstep in our living museum leads to discovery and adds a new story to our ever-changing history.*

## North Cheyenne Cañon



*Where the Rocky*

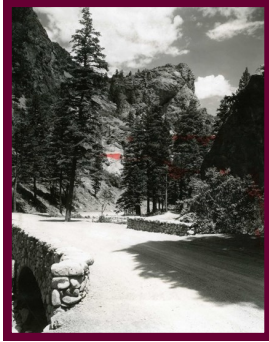
*Mountains Begin...*



Established in 1885, North Cheyenne Cañon Park is a free park owned by the City of Colorado Springs. The park's 1,600 spectacular acres are home to abundant wildlife from the tiny hummingbird to the majestic black bear. Enjoy two visitor centers in the park to learn about history, geology, flora, fauna, and more! Enjoy one of the many picnic areas along the road or trails for scenic break. At the west end of the Cañon, above the classic Helen Hunt Falls awaits Silver Cascade Falls, rewarding hikers with scenic views of Colorado Springs and the great plains beyond.

## Travel through History

Being one of the oldest public parks west of the Mississippi and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, North Cheyenne Cañon Park is an integral piece of history in Colorado Springs. Initially owned by Colorado College Land Company, Colorado College Park was closed on Sundays and required a use toll to access the park.



In 1885, after a grassroots effort led by Helen Hunt Jackson, the citizens of Colorado Springs voted to purchase 640 acres for \$5,000 from Colorado College, making it the very first bond purchase approved by the citizens of Colorado Springs.

Today the park has grown to over 1,600 acres with 26 miles of trail; it remains free to its visitors and maintains year round access to trails. Whether you begin your adventure at the Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center or start your journey along one of the trailheads, your odyssey will prove to be an inspirational snapshot of time.

## Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center

Nestled in the entrance to the Cañon is the Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center. Complete with hummingbird gardens, an outdoor seating area, indoor educational exhibits, and trailhead access, this old Arts and Crafts style building serves as the main Visitor and Nature Center in the park. It is a hub for year round public and school programming, activities, and festivals.



## Helen Hunt Falls Visitor Center

Helen Hunt Falls is an iconic landmark of North Cheyenne Cañon Park. The neighboring visitor center replicates the look of the old “Cub” curio shop that stood next to the Bruin Inn generations ago in the same location. Today, Helen Hunt Falls Visitor Center houses a host of seasonal exhibits and activities. Just behind the visitor center is a short, third of a mile, trail to the Silver Cascade Waterfall with breathtaking glimpses above Colorado Springs and the great plains beyond. Traditionally Helen Hunt Falls Visitor Center is open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



## An Outdoorsman's Paradise

Within North Cheyenne Cañon Park are 26+ miles of trails to satisfy the wanderlust of any hiker, biker, runner, or equestrian. Spectacular rock formations host technical challenges for climbers. Every trail is unique and offers an enriching experience exploring some of the park's features such as towering rock formations, inspirational waterfalls, and expansive views.



Along the Colorado Birding Trail, North Cheyenne Cañon is home to a bountiful variety of flora and fauna. Keep an eye out for the creek loving American Dipper, summer favorite Rufus Hummingbirds or winter Black Capped Chickadees.



## Gold Camp Road

When Theodore Roosevelt rode the train along the Shortline Railroad above North Cheyenne Cañon, he said it was “the trip that bankrupts the English language.”



The Historic Gold Camp Road was once the Shortline Railroad bed running 45 miles from

Cripple Creek to Colorado Springs. The canyon rim of this route offers amazing scenic views above the city, mysterious tunnels carved into the 1.2 billion year old Pikes Peak Granite, and fantastic access to the unique trails that venture into the canyon and park.

## STARSMORE HOURS OF OPERATION

2120 S. Cheyenne Cañon Rd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
(719) 385-6086

Summer: 7 days a week, 8am-4pm

Spring/Fall: Wednesday - Sunday 9am-3pm

## HELEN HUNT FALLS VISITOR CENTER

### HOURS OF OPERATION

(719) 633-5701

Memorial Day to Labor Day  
7 days a week 8am—4pm